

SOUTH RICHMOND

JONES IS RE-ELECTED
BY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Southside Councilman Has Presided
Over Body for Many
Years.

LINWOOD ELDER MAY RECOVER

Boy Accidentally Shot While Cleaning
Rifle Is at Memorial Hospital.
School Site Will Cost \$32,000.
Seeks Funds for Building.

Councilman Carter C. Jones, who for a number of years has successfully conducted the affairs of the South Richmond Democratic Club, was unanimously re-elected president last night at the annual election of officers. The other executive officers were: Walter E. DuVal, vice-president, and Halley P. Shiffert, secretary and treasurer. Jones was also re-elected for another year. The president-elect, Jones, was elected by a vote of 11 to 1. The other officers were elected by a vote of 11 to 1. Jones was elected by a vote of 11 to 1. Jones was elected by a vote of 11 to 1.

Condition Is Critical.
Although it was erroneously reported yesterday that Ernest Linwood Elder, who accidentally shot himself with his own rifle, was recovering, it was stated at the Memorial Hospital last night that, though badly hurt, he was living and had a chance of recovery. Young Elder, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Elder, of 111 East Fourth Street, did not know the weapon was loaded, when it was discharged, the bullet entering his left breast.

Property Will Cost \$32,000.
According to the report of the condemnation commissioners filed in Hustings Court, Part II, the acquisition of property on the north side of Bainbridge Street, between Fourteenth Street and Cowardin Avenue, where it is proposed to build a new public school, will cost \$32,000. The acquisition of property on the north side of Bainbridge Street, between Fourteenth Street and Cowardin Avenue, where it is proposed to build a new public school, will cost \$32,000. The acquisition of property on the north side of Bainbridge Street, between Fourteenth Street and Cowardin Avenue, where it is proposed to build a new public school, will cost \$32,000.

Matriculates at Medical College.
Richmond, Va., September 18.—Young Southsider, has matriculated at the Medical College of Virginia. Mr. Paul received a bachelor of science degree at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he attended for four years and stood high in his classes.

Continues Murphy Case.
Justice H. H. Murphy continued the case of Samuel Murphy, the colored man charged with stealing a quantity of brass from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, and W. P. Bishop, Jr., alleged to have received stolen goods, yesterday morning in Police Court, Part II, until this morning. At the hearing today, Commonwealth's Attorney Charles L. Page will conduct the prosecution, while Attorneys J. C. Nunnally and L. O. Wendenburg will represent the defense.

WILL RAISE FUNDS TO PAY
U. S. OBLIGATIONS IN GOLD

Bankers Promoted to Subscribe \$100,000 Virtually Approved by Federal Reserve Board.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—After an all-day conference between the Federal Reserve Board and a committee of bankers, it virtually was agreed to-night that the board will approve the bankers' proposal for the raising of \$100,000,000 gold fund to be used in meeting American obligations to Europe. This fund will be in addition to the \$50,000,000 gold fund already authorized by the board. The bankers' proposal is to have the fund raised by the sale of gold bonds, which will be sold to the public at a premium of 10 percent over the face value of the bonds. The fund will be used to pay the interest on the bonds, and the principal will be used to pay the principal of the bonds. The fund will be used to pay the interest on the bonds, and the principal will be used to pay the principal of the bonds.

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PETERSBURG

RETAIL MERCHANTS PLAN
FALL "OPENING" DAYS

Thursday and Friday of Next Week
Set Aside for Displays in
Petersburg.

DRYS HOLD BIG MEETING

Several Cases Disposed of in Hustings Court—Baptist Evangelists Will Hold Street Services To-night—Other News Notes.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., September 18.—In accordance with the suggestion of the Retail Merchants' Association, the retail merchants in the city will observe Thursday and Friday of next week as "opening" days for the fall and winter stock of goods. The merchants have heartily entered into the spirit of the movement, and the opening display of goods will be general. Notice of the event has been sent throughout the adjacent counties, with invitations to the people to visit Petersburg on at least one of the two days.

Enthusiasm Meeting.
Enthusiasm reigned at a meeting held under the auspices of the Petersburg League for State-wide Prohibition at the Academy of Music to-night. The meeting, which was opened with prayer by Rev. E. P. Dandridge, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was addressed by Grover C. Wright, chairman of the Executive Committee of the City Council. A. B. Bradsher, rector of the Episcopal Church, and Richard H. Mann, district attorney, and the Eastern District of Virginia, William R. McKenney, in response to a call from the audience, gave a short talk, which he closed with the remark that he had become a State-wide prohibitionist because of the moral and sacred issues involved. The White Ribbon Cadet Band furnished music for the meeting, playing patriotic and sacred songs. The house was packed to overflowing.

Business Assignment.
Robert Carter, colored, long engaged in the butcher business in this city, yesterday made an assignment to A. D. Hamilton as trustee conveying his stock of merchandise and personal effects to the benefit of his creditors. The liabilities are placed at \$3,300, with no statement as to the assets.

Students Enrolled.
Up to the closing of school hours yesterday afternoon 513 students had been enrolled at the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute (colored), near this city. In the normal department and sixty-two in the model school department. The school is full to its capacity for accommodation, and many applications for admission had weeks ago to be declined. The institute is doing a good work in the education of the colored youth of both sexes.

More Court Convictions.
There were several more convictions in the Hustings Court to-day and the prospect is that at the end of the term the city will send quite a large number of convicts to the penitentiary. Chance Cobb, negro, pleaded guilty to badly cutting and wounding his wife, Ella Cobb, and by agreement of the Commonwealth and the defense, the prisoner, with consent of the court, he was given four years in the penitentiary. Sam Lewis, negro, convicted of felonious assault, was sentenced to jail for twelve months. George W. Smith, negro, convicted of pocket-book snatching, went to jail for six months.

General News Notes.
The Baptist Evangelists and Singers now daily holding services in all of the Baptist Churches in the city will tomorrow night hold street meetings in the business sections of the city, conducting services from automobiles. Sunday afternoon a mass meeting will be held in two of the churches.

The Norfolk and Western Railway is daily running between forty and fifty coal trains to Norfolk in addition to the regular merchandise and passenger service. The coal and through freight trains pass around the city over the belt line, thus relieving all congestion in the city.

Herman Andrew Simmons, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Simmons, on Pearl Street, died in Petersburg Hospital this morning.

The enrollment in the three colored public schools of the city now exceeds 1,500.

Sent on to Grand Jury.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, September 18.—Alexander Dillard, the colored boy, who early last Saturday morning shot and wounded J. E. Blanks, the tollgate keeper at the gate between Sweet Briar and Monroe, was to-day tried before Justice W. W. Gilbert. He pleaded guilty, and was sent on to the grand jury. Dillard will be held in the American Jail until the October term of the Circuit Court, when he will be indicted.

To Consider Cotton Situation.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., September 18.—The executive council of the Alabama Bankers' Association invited officers of all bankers' associations in cotton-growing States to meet in Birmingham September 25 to consider the cotton situation.

Freight Wreck on Southern.
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., September 18.—Sixteen freight cars were piled up in a wreck on the Southern Railway near Greenville to-day, entailing heavy property loss. It resulted from a derailment. Nobody was killed. Passenger trains had to be routed via the Houston River branch during the day.

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Money Order Branches.
WASHINGTON, September 18.—Money order branches of the post-offices aboard naval vessels will be established October 1. Secretary Daniels announced to-day that arrangements for the establishment of these branches have been arranged with the Post-Office Department.

SEEKS AID FOR PEOPLE
OF STRICKEN BELGIUM

Wife of Belgian Minister of State Appeals to Generosity of Great
Nation for Relief of Stricken Belgium.

NEW YORK, September 18.—Madame Vandervelde, who came from Belgium on the steamer Cretic to seek aid for the people of her stricken country, issued this statement as soon as the Cretic docked here to-day:

"Madame Vandervelde, wife of the Belgian Minister of State, has come to the United States from Antwerp to appeal to the generosity of the great American democracy on behalf of her countrymen and women—whose land has been ravished by the horrors of war, through no fault of their own, and thousands of whom are now destitute. Thousands have lost all they had, land, houses, farms, money and their tools, which they got their daily bread. Thousands are even without clothing, and have become wanderers and outcasts at the gates of the earth."

"Madame Vandervelde wishes to tell the American people what she has seen herself during the bombardment, the numerous raids of the Zeppelins, and the burning of Louvain. She wishes to tell them also of the sublime courage of the Belgian people."

"A few hours before she left Antwerp, King Albert of Belgium sent his secretary to Madame Vandervelde to wish her good luck, and to tell her that the King approves her intention of appealing for help for the Belgian refugees to the people of America. She brings with her the following letter from Queen Elizabeth:

"Her Majesty the Queen, wishes to tell you that she approves your project of putting before public opinion in England and the United States the sufferings which the Belgian people have inflicted upon our peaceful population. Five of our provinces are devastated, and thousands of families driven out of their homes. It is deserving well of one's country and of humanity to try to help them. Best wishes of the Queen accompany you to these two noble enterprises, which will give help to those in distress."

"Madame Vandervelde implores the American people to help Belgium to their utmost power, to start them again in life in new homes. Their sufferings are unutterably terrible, and hundreds of the bread winners, fathers, husbands and sons have been killed in the war."

"Is it not right and fitting that those who can help should do so at this moment? Madame Vandervelde is convinced that her cry for help will be heard, that it is not in vain that she is appealing to the American people."

MAY UNFOLD NEW CHAPTER
IN FLORENCE SCHENCK CASE

Assault on Charles H. Wilson, Stable Manager for Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEW YORK, September 18.—Another chapter in the story of Florence Schenck, being a social secretary, who died last January, is likely to be unfolded to-morrow before Judge Murchison in the village of Greenburgh, near White Plains.

The story may be told by Frederick Fickinger, a millionaire railroad man, and formerly a prosperous stock speculator, who was charged with the assault on Wilson. Fickinger, the American violinist, Fritz Kreisler, the Russian composer, Maurice Strakosky, the French tenor, Dohnanyi, the Austrian pianist, and Maurice Alkan, the Swiss pianist, as well as the nobility, cafes, boats and even the churches were suppressed. Dr. Carl said, and at Bayreuth, when the curtain closed on the first act of an opera, the stage hands, artists and all who were eligible for military duty made a dash to the rear, and the audience was forced to leave without the completion of the opera.

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TO TRADE UNDER NEW LAW

Cotton Exchange Sends Committee to Secure Rulings on Certain Provisions.

NEW YORK, September 18.—That the New York Cotton Exchange is preparing to trade under the terms of the new cotton futures law, when it is found possible to resume business, was indicated by to-day's announcement that a special committee had been sent to Washington for the purpose of consulting the Secretary of Agriculture and if possible securing rulings on certain of the law's provisions. The official statement could be secured as to the points which would be discussed.

Yesterday's operations in Liverpool resulted in the liquidation of 400 bales of the old straddle interest here, according to a statement from the cotton exchange. It was reported that another 600 bales would be put to ballot to-day, although the results might not be published until Monday.

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FOR CANADIAN TROOPS

Canard Liner Makes All Possible
Speed in Unloading So as to Sail
for Halifax.

OFFICERS REFUSE TO TALK

Sir James M. Barrie Declares Ultimate Cause of War Is Militarism. Dr. Carl Brings News of Musicians Well Known in America.

NEW YORK, September 18.—The Cunard liner Lusitania from Liverpool reached her pier here early to-day, under wireless orders, according to passengers, to make all possible speed in unloading so as to be ready to call for Halifax troops. The officers would not verify this report, but offered no explanation for rushing the big liner to her pier at 1 o'clock in the morning.

Among the 1,500 passengers were Sir James M. Barrie, A. E. W. Mason, the English novelist, Mrs. George Vandervelt, Miss Cornelia Vandervelt, George DeForest Lord, Madame Jonell and Marshall Field, III.

Speaking of the war, Sir James M. Barrie said:

"The ultimate cause of the war in militarism. A loaded gun always goes off sooner or later. In my opinion, the war will last a long time. The issue involved is as clear as the cause which brought it about—it is whether soldiers or citizens are to rule in Europe. The most striking feature of the war is the way in which the young men of Britain are enlisting."

"One hears the Kaiser generally blamed for the war. This is somewhat less than fair. The Kaiser was a young man in 1870, when the war split was very strong, and he is merely the product of a system."

"It is too early to talk of peace negotiations. No peace would be lasting, nor would it produce the results which we all hope for, unless one side is thoroughly beaten."

Dr. William C. Carl brought news of musicians well-known in America, who, he said, are now doing military duty. Fritz Kreisler, the American violinist, Maurice Strakosky, the French tenor, Dohnanyi, the Austrian pianist, and Maurice Alkan, the Swiss pianist, as well as the nobility, cafes, boats and even the churches were suppressed. Dr. Carl said, and at Bayreuth, when the curtain closed on the first act of an opera, the stage hands, artists and all who were eligible for military duty made a dash to the rear, and the audience was forced to leave without the completion of the opera.

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FOURTEEN LIVES LOST
WHEN STEAMER IS SUNK

Black Diamond Collier Rammed by
Government Vessel in St. Lawrence
River.

OCCURS DURING HEAVY FOG

Survivors Picked Up by Collier Potana and Taken to Grosse Isle. Women and Children Among Those Who Perish.

QUEBEC, September 18.—The Black Diamond collier Langan rammed and sank the government steamer Montmagny at 5 o'clock this morning during a fog at Beauport locks, a mile below Crane Island, in the St. Lawrence River, and twenty-six miles from Quebec. Fourteen persons, members of the Montmagny's crew and of families of two lighthouse-keepers aboard the Montmagny lost their lives.

Second Officer LeChance, of the Montmagny, was among those who perished. He died with two children in his arms in a heroic but unsuccessful attempt to rescue them.

Mrs. Lavallee, wife of a lighthouse-keeper at Flower Island, and her four children were lost. Mrs. Richards, wife of a lighthouse-keeper at Belle Isle, and her seven children were aboard the Montmagny and how many of them were saved was not known this morning.

Survivors were picked up by the steamer collier Potana and taken to Grosse Isle. The government boat Alceste was ordered to bring them from Alceste to Quebec.

The Montmagny was on her way from Quebec to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Straits of Belle Isle with a cargo of coal and provisions for wireless stations along the coast. Although the Montmagny was not a passenger vessel, she was utilized to transport the families of the lighthouse-keepers at Belle Isle and Flower Island to their stations.

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STOCKBROKERS WILL NOT
ESCAPE TAX ASSESSMENT

Democrats of Ways and Means Committee Determine to Include Them in Revenue Bill.

MEASURE BEING PERFECTED

Few Changes Contemplated in Stamp Rates as Levied During Spanish-American War—Matter of Eliminating Checks Is Undetermined.

WASHINGTON, September 18.—Stock brokers who have protested against a proposed special tax of 50 a year, will not escape assessment. Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee determined to-day to include them in the war revenue bill, which is now being perfected.

Arguments that stock exchanges now are closed were not regarded as sufficient to entitle brokers to exemption, inasmuch as it is probable the exchanges again will be operating before the need for war revenue has passed.

Perfection of the revenue bill was not completed to-day. Stamp tax rates will be taken up to-morrow. Few changes are contemplated in the stamp tax rates as levied during the Spanish-American War, though the matter of eliminating checks still is undetermined.

The committee to-day approved the additional tax of 50 cents a barrel on beer, the tax of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline, and the special taxes on bankers, brokers and tobacco dealers. The minimum tax levied in the Spanish War revenue law on bankers with capital